GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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INSTALLATION OF LPG BLAST TESTING UNITS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether LPG Blast Testing Units are installed at each LPG Bottling Plants all over the country;

(b) if so, the capacity of each LPG Blast Testing Unit;

(c) whether the capacity of these LPG Blast Testing Units is sufficient and fulfils the requirement of LPG Bottling Plants;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether all these LPG Blast Testing Units are following the prescribed norms and;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (f): No, Sir.LPG cylinders undergo hydrotests periodically at premises of the statutory tester.Sample cylinders are also tested for 'burst pressure' at the manufacturers premises, at the time of cylinder manufacturing. The burst test is not done at LPG bottling plants.

Oil Marketing Companies are procuring LPG cylinders from cylinder manufacturers who are approved by the Oil Industry Technical Committee and have valid manufacturing licences from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and the Chief Controller of Explosives. Strict control is exercised by BIS over the manufacturing process. LPG cylinders procured by OMCs meet the required quality standards.